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will give the balance of my time to Senator Labeledz.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator...

SENATOR LABEDZ: I certainly don't need the balance of his time, but I'm so glad that Senator McFarland mentioned the fact, and I didn't notice that this morning, that if you turn on the back of your agenda, item number 8, General File, we go back, after Final Reading, to the senators' priority bills. So that means this afternoon, after four and a half hours of Final Reading, we definitely will go back to LB 976, which is Senator Pirsch's bill on changing the penalties for violating the drug laws. And then LB 854 would be next. So, I am sure what is going to happen, as Senator McFarland stated, we'll probably be here again until midnight. So I urge the members to take that into consideration, because after Final Reading we can go onto the committee priority bills rather than turning back again to number 5 which is the senators' priority bills. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I am concerned about when I listen to all this discussion about the fact that this happens to be about one bill. I know that. Everything we do in here, the last two or three weeks, maybe the whole session, seems to center around abortion. But yesterday afternoon the word "abortion" was never mentioned, but we had a filibuster on LR 239, which was keeping us from getting to LB 854. And I'm sure that's all planned. And I have to admire the people who orchestrate all that, because they are really adept and adroit at what they do, because it took me about ten minutes to figure out what was going on. And then I relaxed and listened to everything that was said, and learned some more. I was concerned this morning when Senator Moore said he didn't know who John L. Lewis is...was. Senator Schmit, you know, what Scott Moore needs to do is go down to the university and take John Braeman's course on the Roosevelt years, he would learn about legislative maneuverings and political maneuverings like he has never seen or heard of before. And that's...John L. Lewis was a member of all that, part of all that. A man whose name I cannot bring up this morning, I think maybe it was Robert Murphy, a senator from New York State who was a part of all that agenda and those years, he was the master who built and planned all the labor legislation that we have in place today and has been refined since then, when the unions started being strong